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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2013-14 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 485

## **Introduced by Assembly Member Gomez**

February 19, 2013

An act to amend Sections 110003, 110005, 110006, 110007, 110008, 110009, 110011, and 110021 of, and to amend and repeal Section 6253.2 of, the Government Code, to amend Sections 12300.5, 12300.7, 12301.6, and 14186.35 of, to amend and repeal Sections 10101.1, 12306, and 12306.1 of, and to repeal Section 12302.25 of, the Welfare and Institutions Code, and to amend Section 34 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, relating to in-home supportive services.

## LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 485, as amended, Gomez. In-home supportive services.

Existing law establishes the county-administered In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) program, under which qualified aged, blind, and disabled persons are provided with services in order to permit them to remain in their own homes and avoid institutionalization. Existing law establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions.

Existing law establishes, as part of the Coordinated Care Initiative, the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act, which serves to resolve disputes regarding wages, benefits, and other

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terms and conditions of employment between the California In-Home Supportive Services Authority (Statewide Authority) and recognized employee organizations providing in-home supportive services. Existing law establishes the Statewide Authority and requires the authority to be the entity authorized to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment with representatives of recognized employee organizations for any individual provider who is employed by a recipient of supportive services.

Existing law provides, as part of the Coordinated Care Initiative, that IHSS is a Medi-Cal benefit available through managed care health care plans in specified counties and requires enrollment of eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries into managed care pursuant to a specified demonstration project or other provisions, including managed care for long-term services and supports, as one of the conditions that would be required to be completed before the Statewide Authority assumes the specified responsibilities. Existing law provides that no sooner than March 1, 2013, the Statewide Authority shall assume specified responsibilities in a county or city and county upon notification by the Director of Health Care Services that the enrollment of eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries described in specified provisions of law has been completed in that county or city and county. Under existing law, in counties where IHSS is a Medi-Cal benefit available through managed care health plans, those health plans are required to assume specified duties, including entering into a memorandum of understanding with a county agency to perform specified activities, after the director provides that notification. Under existing law, the assumption of these responsibilities by the Statewide Authority is also known as the county implementation date.

This bill would, instead, make the implementation date January 1, 2015, would delete the reference to the "county" implementation date, and would make conforming changes.

Existing law conditions implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative, as defined, on whether the Director of Finance estimates that the Coordinated Care Initiative will generate net General Fund savings, as specified. Existing law, with certain exceptions, specifies those provisions of law that are within the scope of the initiative to become inoperative if this condition is not met.

This bill would modify the definition of the Coordinate Care Initiative for the purposes of determining which provisions become inoperative if the condition is not met, and exclude, among others, those provisions -3— AB 485

that establish the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act, establish the Statewide Authority and determine the duties of, and when those duties are assumed by, the authority, establish the IHSS Fund, which is used to fund the Statewide Authority, and require all counties, commencing July 1, 2012, to have a County IHSS Maintenance of Effort (MOE) and to pay the County IHSS MOE instead of paying the nonfederal share of IHSS costs, as specified. The bill would make conforming changes.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:* 

SECTION 1. Section 6253.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 1 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

6253.2. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter to the contrary, information regarding persons paid by the state to provide in-home supportive services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or services provided pursuant to Section 14132.95, 14132.952, or 14132.956 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, is not subject to public disclosure pursuant to this chapter, except as provided in subdivision (b).

- (b) Copies of names, addresses, and telephone numbers of persons described in subdivision (a) shall be made available, upon request, to an exclusive bargaining agent and to any labor organization seeking representation rights pursuant to—Section 12301.6 or 12302.25 of the Welfare and Institutions Code or the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act (Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000)). This information shall not be used by the receiving entity for any purpose other than the employee organizing, representation, and assistance activities of the labor organization.
- (c) This section applies solely to individuals who provide services under the In-Home Supportive Services Program (Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code), the Personal Care Services Program pursuant to Section 14132.95 of the Welfare

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and Institutions Code, the In-Home Supportive Services Plus Option pursuant to Section 14132.952 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or the Community First Choice Option pursuant to Section 14132.956 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

- (d) Nothing in this section is intended to alter or shall be interpreted to alter the rights of parties under the In-Home Supportive Services Employer-Employee Relations Act (Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000)) or any other labor relations law.
- SEC. 2. Section 6253.2 of the Government Code, as amended by Section 2 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.
- SEC. 3. Section 110003 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110003. As used in this title:

- (a) "Board" means the Public Employment Relations Board established pursuant to Section 3541.
- (b) "Employee" or "individual provider" means any person authorized to provide in-home supportive services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and Sections 14132.95, 14132.952, and 14132.956 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, pursuant to the individual provider mode, as referenced in Section 12302.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. As used in this title, "employee" or "individual provider" does not include any person providing in-home supportive services pursuant to the county-employed homemaker mode or the contractor mode, as authorized in Section 12302 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Individual providers shall not be deemed to be employees of the Statewide Authority for any other purpose, except as expressly set forth in this title.
- (c) "Employee organization" means an organization that includes employees, as defined in subdivision (b), and that has as one of its primary purposes representing those employees in their relations with the Statewide Authority.
- (d) "Employer" means, for the purposes of collective bargaining, the Statewide Authority established pursuant to Section 6531.5. The in-home supportive services recipient shall be the employer of an individual in-home supportive services provider with the unconditional and exclusive right to hire, fire, and supervise his or her provider.

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(e) "In-home supportive services" or "IHSS" means services provided pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, and Sections 14132.95, 14132.952, and 14132.956 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

- (f) "In-home supportive services recipient" means the individual who receives the in-home supportive services provided by the individual provider. The in-home supportive services recipient is the employer for the purposes of hiring, firing, and supervising his or her respective individual provider.
- (g) "Mediation" means effort by an impartial third party to assist in reconciling a dispute regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment, as defined in Section 110023, between representatives of the employer and the recognized employee organization or recognized employee organizations through interpretation, suggestion, and advice.
- (h) "Meet and confer in good faith" means that the employer, or those representatives as it may designate, and representatives of recognized employee organizations, shall have the mutual obligation personally to meet and confer promptly upon request by either party and continue for a reasonable period of time in order to exchange freely information, opinions, and proposals, and to endeavor to reach agreement on matters within the scope of representation prior to the adoption of the annual Budget Act.
- (i) "Predecessor agency" means a county or an entity established pursuant to Section 12301.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code before the effective date of this title *January 1*, 2015.
- (j) "Recognized employee organization" means an employee organization that has been formally acknowledged as follows:
- (1) Before the implementation date as described in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, by a county or an entity established pursuant to Section 12301.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as the representative of individual providers in its jurisdiction.
- (2) On or after the implementation date as described in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, by the Statewide Authority, as the representative of individual providers subject to this title.

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1 (k) "Statewide Authority" means the California In-Home 2 Supportive Services Authority established pursuant to Section 3 6531.5.

- 4 SEC. 4. Section 110005 of the Government Code is amended 5 to read:
- 6 110005. For the purposes of this title, the implementation date is defined in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- 9 SEC. 5. Section 110006 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110006. For purposes of collective bargaining, and as expressly set forth in subdivision (d) of Section 110003, the Statewide Authority is deemed to be the employer of record of individual providers in each county as of the implementation date. In-home supportive services recipients shall retain the right to hire, fire, and supervise the work of the individual providers providing services to them.

SEC. 6. Section 110007 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110007. Individual providers employed by any predecessor agency as of the implementation date shall retain employee status and shall not be required by the Statewide Authority to requalify to receive payment for providing services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. In the same manner as set forth in subdivision (e) of Section 12305.86 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Statewide Authority shall accept a clearance that was obtained or accepted by any predecessor agency pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. Existence of a clearance shall be determined by verification through the case management, information, and payroll system of the predecessor agency that the predecessor agency has deemed the provider to be eligible to receive payment for providing services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

SEC. 7. Section 110008 of the Government Code is amended to read:

39 110008. On the implementation date, separate bargaining units 40 shall be created consistent with the bargaining units that have been

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recognized by predecessor agencies. Bargaining units consisting of employees in a single county shall be the only appropriate unit for collective bargaining under this title. In those counties where no recognized employee organization exists as of the implementation date, a bargaining unit consisting of all employees in that county shall be deemed an appropriate unit for collective bargaining.

SEC. 8. Section 110009 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110009. If, on the implementation date, individual providers are represented by a recognized employee organization, the Statewide Authority shall be deemed the successor employer of the predecessor agency for the purposes of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement, and shall be obligated to recognize and to meet and confer in good faith with the recognized employee organization on all matters within the scope of representation, as defined in Section 110023, as to those individual providers.

SEC. 9. Section 110011 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110011. (a) Except as otherwise expressly provided in this title, the enactment of this title shall not be a cause for the employer or any predecessor agency to modify or eliminate any existing memorandum of agreement or understanding, or to modify existing wages, benefits, or other terms and conditions of employment. Except to the extent set forth in this title, the enactment of this title shall not prevent the modification of existing wages, benefits, or terms and conditions of employment through the meet and confer in good faith process or, in those situations in which the employees are not represented by a recognized employee organization, through appropriate procedures.

(b) On the implementation date, subject to Section 12306.15 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, the Statewide Authority shall assume the predecessor agency's rights and obligations under any memorandum of understanding or agreement between the predecessor agency and a recognized employee organization that is in effect on the implementation date for the duration thereof. Absent mutual consent to reopen, the terms of any transferred memorandum of understanding or agreement shall continue until the memorandum of understanding or agreement has expired. If a memorandum of understanding or agreement between a recognized

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employee organization and a predecessor agency has expired and has not been replaced by a successor memorandum of understanding or agreement as of the implementation date, the Statewide Authority shall assume the obligation to meet and confer in good faith with the recognized employee organization.

- (c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, except to the extent set forth in this chapter and as limited by Section 110023, the terms and conditions of any memorandum of understanding or agreement between a predecessor agency and a recognized employee organization in effect on the implementation date shall not be reduced, except by mutual agreement between the recognized employee organization and the Statewide Authority.
- (d) Nothing in this title shall be construed to relieve any predecessor agency of its obligation to meet and confer in good faith with a recognized employee organization pursuant to the Meyers-Milias-Brown Act (Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1) until the implementation date. Nothing in this title shall permit the predecessor agency to meet and confer after the Statewide Authority assumes the predecessor agency's rights and obligations on the implementation date.
- (e) With the exception of all economic terms covered by Section 12306.15 of the Welfare and Institutions Code and notwithstanding any other provision of law, beginning July 1, 2012, and ending on the implementation date as set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, any alterations or modifications to either current or expired memoranda of understanding that were in effect on July 1, 2012, and any newly negotiated memoranda of understanding or agreements reached after July 1, 2012, shall be submitted for review to the State Department of Social Services, hereafter referred to as the department. This review shall be performed by the department until the Statewide Authority becomes operational, after which date the Statewide Authority shall continue to perform this review. If, upon review, but not later than 180 days before the implementation date, the department or Statewide Authority reasonably determines that there are one or more newly negotiated or amended noneconomic terms in the memorandum of understanding or agreement to which it objects for a bona fide business-related reason, the department or Statewide Authority shall provide written notice to the signatory recognized employee

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organization of each objection and the reason for it. Upon demand from the recognized employee organization, the department, or the Statewide Authority, those parties shall meet and confer regarding the objection and endeavor to reach agreement prior to the implementation date. If an agreement is reached, it shall not become effective prior to the implementation date. If an agreement is not reached by the implementation date, the objectionable language is deemed inoperable as of the implementation date. All terms to which no objection is made shall be deemed accepted by the Statewide Authority. If the Statewide Authority or the department fails to provide the 180 days' notice of objection, it shall be deemed waived. 

SEC. 10. Section 110021 of the Government Code is amended to read:

110021. If a predecessor agency is party to any memorandum of understanding or agreement with any bargaining unit that includes individual providers that contains an agency shop provision as of the effective date of this title, the predecessor agency and the employer shall be obligated to honor the terms of the agency shop provision, including indemnification provisions, if any, for the duration of the memorandum of understanding or agreement, and until the adoption of a successor memorandum of understanding or agreement. However, upon the request of a recognized employee organization, an agency shop provision in effect on the implementation date may be reopened for the sole purpose of renegotiating the terms of that provision in accordance with this title. The implementation of this title shall not be a cause for a new agency shop election.

SEC. 11. Section 10101.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 5 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

10101.1. (a) For the 1991–92 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the state's share of the costs of the county services block grant and the in-home supportive services administration requirements shall be 70 percent of the actual nonfederal expenditures or the amount appropriated by the Legislature for that purpose, whichever is less.

(b) Federal funds received under Title 20 of the federal Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. Sec. 1397 et seq.) and appropriated by the Legislature for the county services block grant and the in-home

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supportive services administration shall be considered part of the state share of cost and not part of the federal expenditures for this purpose.

- (c) For the period during which Section 12306.15 is operative, each county's share of the nonfederal costs of the county services block grant and the in-home supportive services administration requirements as specified in subdivision (a) shall remain, but the County IHSS Maintenance of Effort pursuant to Section 12306.15 shall be in lieu of that share.
- SEC. 12. Section 10101.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 6 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.
- SEC. 13. Section 12300.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 12300.5. (a) The California In-Home Supportive Services Authority, hereafter referred to as the Statewide Authority, established pursuant to Section 6531.5 of the Government Code, shall be the entity authorized to meet and confer in good faith regarding wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in accordance with Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000) of the Government Code, with representatives of recognized employee organizations for any individual provider who is employed by a recipient of in-home supportive services described in Section 12300 after the implementation date as described in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7.
- (b) The Statewide Authority and the Department of Human Resources and other state departments may enter into a memorandum of understanding or other agreement to have the Department of Human Resources meet and confer on behalf of the Statewide Authority for the purposes described in subdivision (a) or to provide the Statewide Authority with other services, including, but not limited to, administrative and legal services.
- (c) The state, the Statewide Authority, or any county that has met the conditions in Section 12300.7 shall not be deemed to be the employer of any individual provider who is employed by a recipient of in-home supportive services as described in Section 12300 for purposes of liability due to the negligence or intentional torts of the individual provider.
- 39 SEC. 14. Section 12300.7 of the Welfare and Institutions Code 40 is amended to read:

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12300.7. (a) On January 1, 2015, the California In-Home Supportive Services Authority shall assume the responsibilities set forth in Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000) of the Government Code.

- (b) A county or city and county, subject to subdivision (a), shall do one or both of the following:
- (1) Have the entity that performed functions set forth in the county ordinance or contract in effect prior to January 1, 2015, and established pursuant to Section 12301.6, continue to perform those functions, excluding subdivision (c) of that section. except the functions described in subdivision (a).
- (2) Assume the functions performed by the entity, prior to January 1, 2015, pursuant to Section 12301.6, excluding subdivision (c) of that section. except the functions described in subdivision (a).
- (c) If a county or city and county assumes the functions described in paragraph (2) of subdivision (b), it may establish or contract with an entity for the performance of any or all of the functions assumed. *In-home supportive services recipients shall retain the right to hire, fire, and supervise the work of the individual providers providing services to them.*
- SEC. 15. Section 12301.6 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:
- 12301.6. (a) Notwithstanding Sections 12302 and 12302.1, a county board of supervisors may, at its option, elect to do either of the following:
- (1) Contract with a nonprofit consortium to provide for the delivery of in-home supportive services.
- (2) Establish, by ordinance, a public authority to provide for the delivery of in-home supportive services.
- (b) (1) To the extent that a county elects to establish a public authority pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a), the enabling ordinance shall specify the membership of the governing body of the public authority, the qualifications for individual members, the manner of appointment, selection, or removal of members, how long they shall serve, and other matters as the board of supervisors deems necessary for the operation of the public authority.
- (2) A public authority established pursuant to paragraph (2) of subdivision (a) shall be both of the following:

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(A) An entity separate from the county, and shall be required to file the statement required by Section 53051 of the Government Code.

- (B) A corporate public body, exercising public and essential governmental functions and that has all powers necessary or convenient to carry out the delivery of in-home supportive services, including the power to contract for services pursuant to Sections 12302 and 12302.1 and that makes or provides for direct payment to a provider chosen by the recipient for the purchase of services pursuant to Sections 12302 and 12302.2. Employees of the public authority shall not be employees of the county for any purpose.
- (3) (A) As an alternative, the enabling ordinance may designate the board of supervisors as the governing body of the public authority.
- (B) Any enabling ordinance that designates the board of supervisors as the governing body of the public authority shall also specify that no fewer than 50 percent of the membership of the advisory committee shall be individuals who are current or past users of personal assistance services paid for through public or private funds or recipients of services under this article.
- (C) If the enabling ordinance designates the board of supervisors as the governing body of the public authority, it shall also require the appointment of an advisory committee of not more than 11 individuals who shall be designated in accordance with subparagraph (B).
- (D) Prior to making designations of committee members pursuant to subparagraph (C), or governing body members in accordance with paragraph (4), the board of supervisors shall solicit recommendations of qualified members of either the governing body of the public authority or of any advisory committee through a fair and open process that includes the provision of reasonable written notice to, and a reasonable response time by, members of the general public and interested persons and organizations.
- (4) If the enabling ordinance does not designate the board of supervisors as the governing body of the public authority, the enabling ordinance shall require the membership of the governing body to meet the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3).
- (e) (1) Any public authority created pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the employer of in-home supportive services

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personnel referred to recipients under paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) within the meaning of Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1 of the Government Code. Recipients shall retain the right to hire, fire, and supervise the work of any in-home supportive services personnel providing services to them.

- (2) (A) Any nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section shall be deemed to be the employer of in-home supportive services personnel referred to recipients pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (e) for the purposes of collective bargaining over wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment.
- (B) Recipients shall retain the right to hire, fire, and supervise the work of any in-home supportive services personnel providing services for them.

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(c) A public authority established pursuant to this section or a nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section, when providing for the delivery of services under this article by contract in accordance with Sections 12302 and 12302.1 or by direct payment to a provider chosen by a recipient in accordance with Sections 12302 and 12302.2, shall comply with and be subject to, all statutory and regulatory provisions applicable to the respective delivery mode.

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- (d) Any nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section or any public authority established pursuant to this section shall provide for all of the following functions under this article, but shall not be limited to those functions:
- (1) The provision of assistance to recipients in finding in-home supportive services personnel through the establishment of a registry.
- (2) (A) (i) The investigation of the qualifications and background of potential personnel. Upon the effective date of the amendments to this section made during the 2009–10 Fourth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, the investigation with respect to any provider in the registry or prospective registry applicant shall include criminal background checks requested by the nonprofit consortium or public authority and conducted by the Department of Justice pursuant to Section 15660, for those public authorities or nonprofit consortia using the agencies on the effective

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1 date of the amendments to this section made during the 2009–10

- 2 Fourth Extraordinary Session of the Legislature. Criminal
- 3 background checks shall be performed no later than July 1, 2010,
- 4 for any provider who is already on the registry on the effective 5 date of amendments to this section made during the 2009–10 Fourth
- 6 Extraordinary Session of the Legislature, for whom a criminal
- 7 background check pursuant to this section has not previously been 8
- provided, as a condition of the provider's continued enrollment in
- the IHSS program. Criminal background checks shall be conducted 10 at the provider's expense.
  - (ii) Upon notice from the Department of Justice notifying the public authority or nonprofit consortium that the prospective registry applicant has been convicted of a criminal offense specified in Section 12305.81, the public authority or nonprofit consortium shall deny the request to be placed on the registry for providing supportive services to any recipient of the In-Home Supportive Services program.
  - (iii) Commencing 90 days after the effective date of the act that adds Section 12305.87, and upon notice from the Department of Justice that an applicant who is subject to the provisions of that section has been convicted of, or incarcerated following conviction for, an offense described in subdivision (b) of that section, the public authority or nonprofit consortium shall deny the applicant's request to become a provider of supportive services to any recipient of in-home supportive services, subject to the individual waiver and exception processes described in that section. An applicant who is denied on the basis of Section 12305.87 shall be informed by the public authority or nonprofit consortium of the individual waiver and exception processes described in that section.
  - (B) (i) Notwithstanding any other law, the public authority or nonprofit consortium shall provide an individual with a copy of his or her state-level criminal offender record information search response as provided to the entity by the Department of Justice if the individual has been denied placement on the registry for providing supportive services to any recipient of the In-Home Supportive Services program based on this information. The copy of the state-level criminal offender record information search response shall be included with the individual's notice of denial. Along with the notice of denial, the public authority or public consortium shall also provide information in plain language on

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how an individual may contest the accuracy and completeness of, and refute any erroneous or inaccurate information in, his or her state-level criminal offender record information search response as provided by the Department of Justice as authorized by Section 11126 of the Penal Code. The state-level criminal offender record information search response shall not be modified or altered from its form or content as provided by the Department of Justice.

- (ii) The department shall develop a written appeal process for the current and prospective providers who are determined ineligible to receive payment for the provision of services in the In-Home Supportive Services program. Notwithstanding any other law, the public authority or nonprofit consortium shall provide the department with a copy of the state-level criminal offender record information search response as provided to the entity by the Department of Justice for any individual who has requested an appeal of a denial of placement on the registry for providing supportive services to any recipient of the In-Home Supportive Services program based on clause (ii) or (iii) of subparagraph (A). The state-level criminal offender record information search response shall not be modified or altered from its form or content as provided by the Department of Justice and shall be provided to the address specified by the department in its written request.
- (C) This paragraph shall not be construed to prohibit the Department of Justice from assessing a fee pursuant to Section 11105 or 11123 of the Penal Code to cover the cost of furnishing summary criminal history information.
- (D) As used in this section, "nonprofit consortium" means a nonprofit public benefit corporation that has all powers necessary to carry out the delivery of in-home supportive services under the delegated authority of a government entity.
- (E) A nonprofit consortium or a public authority authorized to secure a criminal background check clearance pursuant to this section shall accept a clearance for an applicant described in clause (i) of subparagraph (A) who has been deemed eligible by another nonprofit consortium, public authority, or county with criminal background check authority pursuant to either Section 12305.86 or this section, to receive payment for providing services pursuant to this article. Existence of a clearance shall be determined by verification through the case management, information, and payrolling system, that another county, nonprofit consortium, or

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public authority with criminal background check authority pursuant to Section 12305.86 or this section has deemed the current or prospective provider to be eligible to receive payment for providing services pursuant to this article.

- (3) Establishment of a referral system under which in-home supportive services personnel shall be referred to recipients.
  - (4) Providing for training for providers and recipients.
- (5) (A) Performing any other functions related to the delivery of in-home supportive services.
- (B) (i) Upon request of a recipient of in-home supportive services pursuant to this chapter, or a recipient of personal care services under the Medi-Cal program pursuant to Section 14132.95, a public authority or nonprofit consortium may provide a criminal background check on a nonregistry applicant or provider from the Department of Justice, in accordance with clause (i) of subparagraph (A) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e). If the person who is the subject of the criminal background check is not hired or is terminated because of the information contained in the criminal background report, the provisions of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e) shall apply.
- (ii) A recipient of in-home supportive services pursuant to this chapter or a recipient of personal care services under the Medi-Cal program may elect to employ an individual as their service provider notwithstanding the individual's record of previous criminal convictions, unless those convictions include any of the offenses specified in Section 12305.81.
- (6) Ensuring that the requirements of the personal care option pursuant to Subchapter 19 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code are met.

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- (e) (1) Any nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section or any public authority created pursuant to this section shall be deemed not to be the employer of in-home supportive services personnel referred to recipients under this section for purposes of liability due to the negligence or intentional torts of the in-home supportive services personnel.
- (2) In no case shall a nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section or any public authority created pursuant to this section be held liable for action or omission of any in-home supportive services personnel whom the nonprofit

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consortium or public authority did not list on its registry or otherwise refer to a recipient.

(3) Counties and the state shall be immune from any liability resulting from their implementation of this section in the administration of the In-Home Supportive Services program. Any obligation of the public authority or consortium pursuant to this section, whether statutory, contractual, or otherwise, shall be the obligation solely of the public authority or nonprofit consortium, and shall not be the obligation of the county or state.

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(f) Any nonprofit consortium contracting with a county pursuant to this section shall ensure that it has a governing body that complies with the requirements of subparagraph (B) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b) or an advisory committee that complies with subparagraphs (B) and (C) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (b).

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(g) Recipients of services under this section may elect to receive services from in-home supportive services personnel who are not referred to them by the public authority or nonprofit consortium. Those personnel shall be referred to the public authority or nonprofit consortium for the purposes of wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment.

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- (h) (1) Nothing in this section shall be construed to affect the state's responsibility with respect to the state payroll system, unemployment insurance, or workers' compensation and other provisions of Section 12302.2 for providers of in-home supportive services.
- (2) The Controller shall make any deductions from the wages of in-home supportive services personnel, who are employees of a public authority pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (c), the Statewide Authority established pursuant to Section 6531.5 of the Government Code, that are agreed to by that public authority the Statewide Authority in collective bargaining with the designated representative of the in-home supportive services personnel pursuant to Chapter 10 (commencing with Section 3500) of Division 4 of Title 1 Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000) of the Government Code and transfer the deducted funds as directed in that agreement.

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(3) Any county that elects to provide in-home supportive services pursuant to this section shall be responsible for any increased costs to the in-home supportive services case management, information, and payrolling system attributable to that election. The department shall collaborate with any county that elects to provide in-home supportive services pursuant to this section prior to implementing the amount of financial obligation for which the county shall be responsible.

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(i) To the extent permitted by federal law, personal care option funds, obtained pursuant to Subchapter 19 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code, along with matching funds using the state and county sharing ratio established in subdivision (c) of Section 12306, or any other funds that are obtained pursuant to Subchapter 19 (commencing with Section 1396) of Chapter 7 of Title 42 of the United States Code, may be used to establish and operate an entity authorized by this section.

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(j) Notwithstanding any other law, the county, in exercising its option to establish a public authority, shall not be subject to competitive bidding requirements. However, contracts entered into by either the county, a public authority, or a nonprofit consortium pursuant to this section shall be subject to competitive bidding as otherwise required by law.

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- (k) (1) The department may adopt regulations implementing this section as emergency regulations in accordance with Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code. For the purposes of the Administrative Procedure Act, the adoption of the regulations shall be deemed an emergency and necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, or general welfare. Notwithstanding Chapter 3.5 (commencing with Section 11340) of Part 1 of Division 3 of Title 2 of the Government Code, these emergency regulations shall not be subject to the review and approval of the Office of Administrative Law.
- (2) Notwithstanding subdivision (h) of Section 11346.1 and Section 11349.6 of the Government Code, the department shall transmit these regulations directly to the Secretary of State for

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filing. The regulations shall become effective immediately upon filing by the Secretary of State.

- (3) Except as otherwise provided for by Section 10554, the Office of Administrative Law shall provide for the printing and publication of these regulations in the California Code of Regulations. Emergency regulations adopted pursuant to this subdivision shall remain in effect for no more than 180 days.
- (1) (1) In the event that a county elects to form a nonprofit consortium or public authority pursuant to subdivision (a) before the State Department of Health Care Services has obtained all necessary federal approvals pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (j) of Section 14132.95, all of the following shall apply:
- (A) Subdivision (d) shall apply only to those matters that do not require federal approval.
- (B) The second sentence of subdivision (h) shall not be operative.
- (C) The nonprofit consortium or public authority shall not provide services other than those specified in paragraphs (1), (2), (3), (4), and (5) of subdivision (e).
- (2) Paragraph (1) shall become inoperative when the State Department of Health Care Services has obtained all necessary federal approvals pursuant to paragraph (3) of subdivision (j) of Section 14132.95.

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- (*m*) (1) One year after the effective date of the first approval by the department granted to the first public authority, the Bureau of State Audits shall commission a study to review the performance of that public authority.
- (2) The study shall be submitted to the Legislature and the Governor not later than two years after the effective date of the approval specified in subdivision (a). The study shall give special attention to the health and welfare of the recipients under the public authority, including the degree to which all required services have been delivered, out-of-home placement rates, prompt response to recipient complaints, and any other issue the director deems relevant.
- (3) The report shall make recommendations to the Legislature and the Governor for any changes to this section that will further

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(n) Commencing July 1, 1997, the department shall provide annual reports to the appropriate fiscal and policy committees of the Legislature on the efficacy of the implementation of this section, and shall include an assessment of the quality of care provided pursuant to this section.

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- (o) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, and except as provided in paragraph (2), the department shall, no later than January 1, 2009, implement subparagraphs (A) and (B) through an all-county letter from the director:
- 14 (A) Subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph (2) of subdivision 15 (e).
  - (B) Subparagraph (B) of paragraph (5) of subdivision (e).
  - (2) The department shall, no later than July 1, 2009, adopt regulations to implement subparagraphs (A) and (B) of paragraph **(1)**.

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> (p) The amendments made to paragraphs (2) and (5) of subdivision (e) made by the act that added this subdivision during the 2007-08 Regular Session of the Legislature shall be implemented only to the extent that an appropriation is made in the annual Budget Act or other statute, except for the amendments that added subparagraph (D) of paragraph (2) of subdivision (e), which shall go into effect January 1, 2009.

SEC. 15.

29 SEC. 16. Section 12302.25 of the Welfare and Institutions 30 Code, as amended by Section 34 of Chapter 8 of the Statutes of 31 2011, is repealed.

SEC. 16.

- SEC. 17. Section 12306 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 8 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:
- 12306. (a) The state and counties shall share the annual cost 36 37 of providing services under this article as specified in this section.
- 38 (b) Except as provided in subdivisions (c) and (d), the state shall 39 pay to each county, from the General Fund and any federal funds 40 received under Title XX of the federal Social Security Act available

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for that purpose, 65 percent of the cost of providing services under this article, and each county shall pay 35 percent of the cost of providing those services.

- (c) For services eligible for federal funding pursuant to Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act under the Medi-Cal program and, and except as provided in subdivisions (b) and (d), the state shall pay to each county, from the General Fund and any funds available for that purpose, 65 percent of the nonfederal cost of providing services under this article, and each county shall pay 35 percent of the nonfederal cost of providing those services.
- (d) (1) For the period of July 1, 1992, to June 30, 1994, inclusive, the state's share of the cost of providing services under this article shall be limited to the amount appropriated for that purpose in the annual Budget Act.
- (2) The department shall restore the funding reductions required by subdivision (c) of Section 12301, fully or in part, as soon as administratively practicable, if the amount appropriated from the General Fund for the 1992–93 fiscal year under this article is projected to exceed the sum of the General Fund expenditures under Section 14132.95 and the actual General Fund expenditures under this article for the 1992–93 fiscal year. The entire amount of the excess shall be applied to the restoration. Services shall not be restored under this paragraph until the Department of Finance has determined that the restoration of services would result in no additional costs to the state or to the counties relative to the combined state appropriation and county matching funds for in-home supportive services under this article in the 1992–93 fiscal year.
- (e) For the period during which Section 12306.15 is operative, each county's share of the costs of providing services pursuant to this article specified in subdivisions (b) and (c) shall remain, but the County IHSS Maintenance of Effort pursuant to Section 12306.15 shall be in lieu of that share.

34 SEC. 17.

SEC. 18. Section 12306 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 9 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

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SEC. 19. Section 12306.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 10 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is amended to read:

12306.1. (a) When any increase in provider wages or benefits is negotiated or agreed to by a public authority or nonprofit consortium under Section 12301.6, then the county shall use county-only funds to fund both the county share and the state share, including employment taxes, of any increase in the cost of the program, unless otherwise provided for in the annual Budget Act or appropriated by statute. No increase in wages or benefits negotiated or agreed to pursuant to this section shall take effect unless and until, prior to its implementation, the department has obtained the approval of the State Department of Health Care Services for the increase pursuant to a determination that it is consistent with federal law and to ensure federal financial participation for the services under Title XIX of the federal Social Security Act, and unless and until all of the following conditions have been met:

- (1) Each county has provided the department documentation of the approval of the county board of supervisors of the proposed public authority or nonprofit consortium rate, including wages and related expenditures. The documentation shall be received by the department before the department and the State Department of Health Care Services may approve the increase.
- (2) Each county has met department guidelines and regulatory requirements as a condition of receiving state participation in the rate.
- (b) Any rate approved pursuant to subdivision (a) shall take effect commencing on the first day of the month subsequent to the month in which final approval is received from the department. The department may grant approval on a conditional basis, subject to the availability of funding.
- (c) The state shall pay 65 percent, and each county shall pay 35 percent, of the nonfederal share of wage and benefit increases negotiated by a public authority or nonprofit consortium pursuant to Section 12301.6 and associated employment taxes, only in accordance with subdivisions (d) to (f), inclusive.
- (d) (1) The state shall participate as provided in subdivision (c) 40 in wages up to seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour and

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individual health benefits up to sixty cents (\$0.60) per hour for all public authority or nonprofit consortium providers. This paragraph shall be operative for the 2000–01 fiscal year and each year thereafter unless otherwise provided in paragraphs (2), (3), (4), and (5), and without regard to when the wage and benefit increase becomes effective.

- (2) The state shall participate as provided in subdivision (c) in a total of wages and individual health benefits up to nine dollars and ten cents (\$9.10) per hour, if wages have reached at least seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour. Counties shall determine, pursuant to the collective bargaining process provided for in subdivision (c) of Section 12301.6, what portion of the nine dollars and ten cents (\$9.10) per hour shall be used to fund wage increases above seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour or individual health benefit increases, or both. This paragraph shall be operative for the 2001–02 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, unless otherwise provided in paragraphs (3), (4), and (5).
- (3) The state shall participate as provided in subdivision (c) in a total of wages and individual health benefits up to ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) per hour, if wages have reached at least seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour. Counties shall determine, pursuant to the collective bargaining process provided for in subdivision (c) of Section 12301.6, what portion of the ten dollars and ten cents (\$10.10) per hour shall be used to fund wage increases above seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour or individual health benefit increases, or both. This paragraph shall be operative commencing with the next state fiscal year for which the May Revision forecast of General Fund revenue, excluding transfers, exceeds by at least 5 percent, the most current estimate of revenue, excluding transfers, for the year in which paragraph (2) became operative.
- (4) The state shall participate as provided in subdivision (c) in a total of wages and individual health benefits up to eleven dollars and ten cents (\$11.10) per hour, if wages have reached at least seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour. Counties shall determine, pursuant to the collective bargaining process provided for in subdivision (c) of Section 12301.6, what portion of the eleven dollars and ten cents (\$11.10) per hour shall be used to fund wage increases or individual health benefits, or both. This paragraph shall be operative commencing with the next state fiscal year for

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which the May Revision forecast of General Fund revenue, excluding transfers, exceeds by at least 5 percent, the most current estimate of revenues, excluding transfers, for the year in which paragraph (3) became operative.

- (5) The state shall participate as provided in subdivision (c) in a total cost of wages and individual health benefits up to twelve dollars and ten cents (\$12.10) per hour, if wages have reached at least seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour. Counties shall determine, pursuant to the collective bargaining process provided for in subdivision (c) of Section 12301.6, what portion of the twelve dollars and ten cents (\$12.10) per hour shall be used to fund wage increases above seven dollars and fifty cents (\$7.50) per hour or individual health benefit increases, or both. This paragraph shall be operative commencing with the next state fiscal year for which the May Revision forecast of General Fund revenue, excluding transfers, exceeds by at least 5 percent, the most current estimate of revenues, excluding transfers, for the year in which paragraph (4) became operative.
- (e) (1) On or before May 14 immediately prior to the fiscal year for which state participation is provided under paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (d), the Director of Finance shall certify to the Governor, the appropriate committees of the Legislature, and the department that the condition for each subdivision to become operative has been met.
- (2) For purposes of certifications under paragraph (1), the General Fund revenue forecast, excluding transfers, that is used for the relevant fiscal year shall be calculated in a manner that is consistent with the definition of General Fund revenues, excluding transfers, that was used by the Department of Finance in the 2000–01 Governor's Budget revenue forecast as reflected on Schedule 8 of the Governor's Budget.
- (f) Any increase in overall state participation in wage and benefit increases under paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (d), shall be limited to a wage and benefit increase of one dollar (\$1) per hour with respect to any fiscal year. With respect to actual changes in specific wages and health benefits negotiated through the collective bargaining process, the state shall participate in the costs, as approved in subdivision (c), up to the maximum levels as provided under paragraphs (2) to (5), inclusive, of subdivision (d).

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(g) For the period during which Section 12306.15 is operative, each county's share of the costs of negotiated wage and benefit increases specified in subdivision (c) shall remain, but the County IHSS Maintenance of Effort pursuant to Section 12306.15 shall be in lieu of that share.

SEC. 19.

SEC. 20. Section 12306.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Section 11 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013, is repealed.

10 SEC. 20.

 SEC. 21. Section 14186.35 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is amended to read:

14186.35. (a) Not sooner than March 1, 2013, in-home supportive services (IHSS) shall be a Medi-Cal benefit available through managed care health plans in a county where this article is effective. Managed care health plans shall cover IHSS in accordance with the standards and requirements set forth in Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3. Specifically, managed care health plans shall do all of the following:

- (1) Ensure access to, provision of, and payment for IHSS for individuals who meet the eligibility criteria for IHSS.
- (2) Ensure recipients retain the right to be the employer, to select, engage, direct, supervise, schedule, and terminate IHSS providers in accordance with Section 12301.6.
- (3) Assume all financial liability for payment of IHSS services for recipients receiving said services pursuant to managed care.
- (4) Create a care coordination team, as needed, unless the consumer objects. If the consumer is an IHSS recipient, his or her participation and the participation of his or her provider shall be at the recipient's option. The care coordination team shall include the consumer, his or her authorized representative, managed care health plan, county social services agency, Community Based Adult Services (CBAS) case manager for CBAS clients, Multipurpose Senior Services Program (MSSP) case manager for MSSP clients, and may include others as identified by the consumer.
- 37 (5) Maintain the paramedical role and function of providers as 38 authorized pursuant to Sections 12300 and 12301.
- (6) Ensure compliance with all requirements set forth in Section
  14132.956 and any resulting state plan amendments.

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(7) Adhere to quality assurance provisions and individual data and other standards and requirements as specified by the State Department of Social Services including state and federal quality assurance requirements.

- (8) Share confidential beneficiary data with the contractors specified in this section to improve care coordination, promote shared understanding of the consumer's needs, and ensure appropriate access to IHSS and other long-term services and supports.
- (9) (A) Enter into a memorandum of understanding with a county agency and the county's public authority or nonprofit consortium pursuant to Section 12301.6 to continue to perform their respective functions and responsibilities pursuant to the existing ordinance or contract until the implementation date set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7.
- (B) Following the implementation date set forth in subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7, enter into a memorandum of understanding with the county agencies to perform the following activities:
- (i) Assess, approve, and authorize each recipient's initial and continuing need for services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3. County agency assessments shall be shared with the care coordination teams established under paragraph (4), when applicable, and the county agency thereafter may receive and consider additional input from the care coordination team.
- (ii) Plans may contract with counties for additional assessments for purposes of paragraph (6) of subdivision (b) of Section 14186.
- (iii) Enroll providers, conduct provider orientation, and retain enrollment documentation pursuant to Sections 12301.24 and 12305.81.
- (iv) Conduct criminal background checks on all potential providers and exclude providers consistent with the provisions set forth in Sections 12305.81, 12305.86, and 12305.87.
- (v) Provide assistance to IHSS recipients in finding eligible providers through the establishment of a provider registry as well as provide training for providers and recipients as set forth in Section 12301.6.
- (vi) Refer all providers to the California In-Home Supportive Services Authority—or nonprofit consortium for the purposes of wages, benefits, and other terms and conditions of employment in

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1 accordance with subdivision (a) of Section 12300.7 and Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000) of the Government Code.

- (vii) Pursue overpayment recovery pursuant to Section 12305.83.
- (viii) Perform quality assurance activities including routine case reviews, home visits, and detecting and reporting suspected fraud pursuant to Section 12305.71.
- (ix) Share confidential data necessary to implement the provisions of this section.
- (x) Appoint an advisory committee of not more than 11 people, and no less than 50 percent of the membership of the advisory committee shall be individuals who are current or past users of personal assistance paid for through public or private funds or recipients of IHSS services.
- (xi) Continue to perform other functions necessary for the administration of the IHSS program pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3 and regulations promulgated by the State Department of Social Services pursuant to that article.
- (C) A county may contract with an entity or may establish a public authority pursuant to Section 12301.6 for the performance of any or all of the activities set forth in a contract with a managed care health plan pursuant to this section.
- (10) Enter into a contract with the State Department of Social Services to perform the following activities:
- (A) Pay wages and benefits to IHSS providers in accordance with the wages and benefits negotiated pursuant to Title 23 (commencing with Section 110000) of the Government Code.
- (B) Perform obligations on behalf of the IHSS recipient as the employer of his or her provider, including unemployment compensation, disability benefits, applicable federal and state taxes, and federal old age survivor's and disability insurance through the state's payroll system for IHSS in accordance with Sections 12302.2 and 12317.
- (C) Provide technical assistance and support for all payroll-related activities involving the state's payroll system for IHSS, including, but not limited to, the monthly restaurant allowance as set forth in Section 12303.7, the monthly cash payment in advance as set forth in Section 12304, and the direct deposit program as set forth in Section 12304.4.

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 (D) Share recipient and provider data with managed care health plans for members who are receiving IHSS to support care coordination.

- (E) Provide an option for managed care health plans to participate in quality monitoring activities conducted by the State Department of Social Services pursuant to subdivision (f) of Section 12305.7 for recipients who are plan members.
- (11) In concert with the department, timely reimburse the state for payroll and other obligations of the beneficiary as the employer, including unemployment compensation, disability benefits, applicable federal and state taxes, and federal old age survivors and disability insurance benefits through the state's payroll system.
- (12) In a county where services are provided in the homemaker mode, enter into a contract with the county to implement the provision of services pursuant to the homemaker mode as set forth in Section 12302.
- (13) Retain the IHSS individual provider mode as a choice available to beneficiaries in all participating managed care health plans in each county.
- (14) In a county where services are provided pursuant to a contract, and as needed, enter into a contract with a city, county, or city and county agency, a local health district, a voluntary nonprofit agency, or a proprietary agency as set forth in Section 12302 and in accordance with Section 12302.6.
- (15) Assume the financial risk associated with the cost of payroll and associated activities set forth in paragraph (10).
- (b) IHSS recipients receiving services through managed care health plans shall retain all of the following:
- (1) The responsibilities as the employer of the IHSS provider for the purposes of hiring, firing, and supervising their provider of choice as set forth in Section 12301.6.
- (2) The ability to appeal any action relating to his or her application for or receipt of services pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3.
- (3) The right to employ a provider applicant who has been convicted of an offense specified in Section 12305.87 by submitting a waiver of the exclusion.
- 38 (4) The ability to request a reassessment pursuant to Section 12301.1.

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(c) The department and the State Department of Social Services, along with the counties, managed care health plans, consumers, advocates, and other stakeholders, shall develop a referral process and informational materials for the appeals process that is applicable to home- and community-based services plan benefits authorized by a managed care health plan. The process established by this paragraph shall ensure ease of access for consumers.

- (d) For services provided through managed care health plans, the IHSS provider shall continue to adhere to the requirements set forth in subdivision (b) of Section 12301.24, subdivision (a) of Section 12301.25, subdivision (a) of Section 12305.81, and subdivision (a) of Section 12306.5.
- (e) In accordance with Section 14186.2, as the provision of IHSS transitions to managed care health plans in a phased-in approach, the State Department of Social Services shall do all of the following:
- (1) Retain program administration functions, in coordination with the department, including policy development, provider appeals and general exceptions, and quality assurance and program integrity for the IHSS program in accordance with Article 7 (commencing with Section 12300) of Chapter 3.
- (2) Perform the obligations on behalf of the recipient as employer relating to workers' compensation as set forth in Section 12302.2 and Section 12302.21 for those entities that have entered into a contract with a managed care health plan pursuant to Section 12302.6.
- (3) Retain responsibilities related to the hearing process for IHSS recipient appeals as set forth in Chapter 7 (commencing with Section 10950) of Part 2.
- (4) Continue to have access to and provide confidential recipient data necessary for the administration of the program.
- (f) A managed care health plan shall not be deemed to be the employer of an individual in-home supportive services provider referred to recipients under this section for purposes of liability due to the negligence or intentional torts of the individual provider. SEC. 21.
- SEC. 22. Section 34 of Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013 is amended to read:
- Sec. 34. (a) At least 30 days prior to enrollment of beneficiaries into the Coordinated Care Initiative, the Director of Finance shall

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estimate the amount of net General Fund savings obtained from the implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative. This estimate shall take into account any net savings to the General Fund achieved through the tax imposed pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 6174) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code Article 5 (commencing with Section 6174).

- (b) (1) By January 10 of each fiscal year after implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative, for as long as the Coordinated Care Initiative remains operative, the Director of Finance shall estimate the amount of net General Fund savings obtained from the implementation of the Coordinated Care Initiative.
- (2) Savings shall be determined under this subdivision by comparing the estimated costs of the Coordinated Care Initiative, as approved by the federal government, and the estimated costs of the program if the Coordinated Care Initiative were not operative. The determination shall also include any net savings to the General Fund achieved through the tax imposed pursuant to Article 5 (commencing with Section 6174) of Chapter 2 of Part 1 of Division 2 of the Revenue and Taxation Code.
- (3) The estimates prepared by the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Director of Health Care Services, shall be provided to the Legislature.
- (c) (1) Notwithstanding any other law, if, at least 30 days prior to enrollment of beneficiaries into the Coordinated Care Initiative, the Director of Finance estimates pursuant to subdivision (a) that the Coordinated Care Initiative will not generate net General Fund savings, then the activities to implement the Coordinated Care Initiative shall be suspended immediately and the Coordinated Care Initiative shall become inoperative July 1, 2014.
- (2) If the Coordinated Care Initiative becomes inoperative pursuant to this subdivision, the Director of Health Care Services shall provide any necessary notifications to any affected entities.
- (3) For purposes of this subdivision and subdivision (d) only, "Coordinated Care Initiative" means all of the following statutes and any amendments to the following:
- (A) Sections 14132.275, 14183.6, and 14301.1 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as amended by Chapter 37 of the Statutes of 2013.

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- 1 (B) Sections 14132.276, 14132.277, 14182.16, 14182.17, 14182.18, and 14301.2 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
- 3 (C) Article 5.7 (commencing with Section 14186) of Chapter 4 7 of Part 3 of Division 9 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
  - (D) Sections 12302.6, 12330, 14186.35, and 14186.36 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.
  - (E) The amendments made to Section 12302.21 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, as made by Chapter 439 of the Statutes of 2012.
- (d) (1)-Notwithstanding any other law, and beginning in 2015,
  if the Director of Finance estimates pursuant to subdivision (b)
  that the Coordinated Care Initiative will not generate net General
  Fund savings, the Coordinated Care Initiative shall become
- 14 inoperative January 1 of the following calendar year.

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